

Chatham Township Environmental Commission
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Minutes of the Tuesday, May 5, 2009 CTEC Meeting

The meeting of the Chatham Township Environmental Commission convened at 7:15 pm on Tuesday, May 5, 2009 at the Township Municipal Building. In attendance were CTEC members K. Abbott, R. Barrett, L. Caprioglio, S. Carroll, P. Collington, F. Esposito, S. Hoag, O. Raadam, D. Stillinger, W. O'Connor Twp. Liaison. Also, Antonio DiMieri and Joseph Santoro, neighbors of Chatham Day School.

CTEC'S PURPOSE: to undertake projects and make recommendations concerning the protection or use of natural resources, including water resources, located within or directly affecting Chatham Township.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT -- The meeting schedule for 2009 was posted on the main bulletin board at the Township municipal building, mentioned on the Township web site, and published in the newspapers Chatham Courier and Daily Record. The public is cordially invited to attend all meetings and participate in projects.

Minutes

S. Carroll motioned to approve the minutes from April 7, 2009, F. Esposito 2nd with all in favor.

REMAINING MEETING DATES FOR 2009 AND JANUARY 2010.

Every first Tuesday: June 2, July - no meeting, Aug 4, Sept 1, Oct 6, Nov 3, Dec 1 in 2009, and Jan 5, 2010.

AWARDS

- NJ Clean Communities Award presented to CTEC on May 22, 2008 by the NJ Clean Communities Council for the Commission's Riverside Cleanup project. S. Hoag.
- ANJEC Environmental Awards for 2008 to CTEC: Environmental Achievement Award for Township energy and emission inventory performed by S. Carroll and K. Abbott. Environmental Achievement Commendation for Back2Tap program to limit use of plastic water bottles, directed by P. Collington and K. Abbott.

EVENTS

- May 4, May 18 and May 27, ANJEC workshops on the Passaic River. Free for EC members. Info at anjec.org.

Antonio DiMieri and Joseph Santoro, neighbors of Chatham Day School spoke regarding their concerns with Chatham Day School's proposed application to the Board of Adjustment for constructing new buildings, tree removal, and increase in parking area. They expressed their concern with this area being a residential zone and environmentally sensitive. They feel that too many trees are being removed for some type of future development and the impact of the tree removal would be a huge ground water problem for residents in that area. They also would like to see some type of buffer between the school and the neighbors.

APPLICATION/LOI REVIEW

- NEW. LONG VIEW ROAD. Block 32, Lots 2, 6, 8 and Block 33, Lots 1, 14, 17, 20. Fenix - Chatham 1, LLC (formerly Gunn). LOI application to NJDEP dated 4-6-09 to determine wetlands boundaries and classification. Long View Road is a paper street at the top of the ridge with very steep slopes on the southern side. The lots in block 32 back up to the conservation easements on 47 and 51 Ormont Road. There is a clause in those conservation easements allowing a sewer line to cross them to supply Long View Road. F. Esposito, D. Stillinger. NO COMMENT NEEDED - CLOSED
- PENDING. CHATHAM DAY SCHOOL. 700 Shunpike Road. 10-31-08. Block 135, Lots 1 & 9. Application to Board of Adjustment for preliminary and final site plan approval, two conditional use variances, hardship c(1) variance for steep slopes disturbance, to demolish 3 buildings and build two new buildings with associated parking areas. Report on April 4 site visit. Review for approval draft memo to Bd of Adj. S. Hoag, F. Esposito, D. Stillinger. Memo to Board of Adjustment to be revised. Approval with edits to send to Bd. Of Adj. S. Carroll motioned to accept S. Hoag 2nd, with all in favor.
- CLOSED. 7 SYCAMORE DRIVE. 4-30-08. Block 38, lot 42.05. Devco Associates, LLC. Application to Planning Board for amended final site plan approval for relief from limits of slope disturbance for a house already built. Fill was placed on the conservation easement and later rearranged. Planning Board approved the application. F. Esposito.
- CLOSED FOR NOW. 446 GREEN VILLAGE ROAD. 2-12-09. Block 144, Lot 50. R-1 (3.5 acre residential) zone. Application to NJDEP for flood hazard area verification to verify the extent of flood hazard areas and riparian zones. Letter sent to NJDEP.
- CLOSED. SHUNPIKE RECREATION FIELD. 1-21-09. Block 128, Lot 18. Application to NJDEP for flood hazard area verification, flood hazard area hardship exception for an individual permit, wetlands permit No. 11 (for construction of outfalls), wetlands special activity individual permit. Proposed activities are regrading existing landscaped lawns, construction of a synthetic turf field. The application for hardship is for constructing the new stormwater discharge in the riparian buffer and exceeding the 6,000 S.F. area of disturbance of the riparian area. Letter to NJDEP sent. D. Stillinger.

- **CLOSED OAK KNOLL SCHOOL.** 9-11-07. Public hearing was held on 9-11-07 concerning DEP conservation easement on the Oak Knoll school property at Hickory Tree in order to replace an existing stormwater pipe. DEP and Township engineer had no objection. NJDEP issued. Work started. CTEC is following this project.
- **CLOSED FOR NOW. REXCORP.** 3-31-08. Block 142 Lots 1 & 2 in Chatham Township, and Block 3303 Lot 2 in Madison. Application to NJDEP for Freshwater Wetlands Permits: GP#6, GP#10A, Transition Area Averaging Plan Waiver, for a 2-phase development to create a pump-station, Giralda Farms Concert Series concert park, sanitary sewer lines, and office space. EC letters to NJDEP sent 7-18-07 and 5-6-08.

REPORTS & DISCUSSION

- Report on Riverside Cleanup held on April 18. Over 80 volunteers including Girl and Boy Scouts, 38 bags of trash plus other scrap, one bottle with a message in it.
- Report on Electronics Recycling held on May 2. Every Commissioner attended, 238 cars dropped off electronics.
- Energy subcommittee report. TC resolution approving grant application for Sustainability Element for the Master Plan. Report on April 15 BPU seminar on resources for local government energy savings. Report on ANJEC sustainability workshop on April 29. S. Carroll, P. Collington, R. Barrett.
- Planning Board report. L. Caprioglio. 296 Lafayette approved, Banish applying for sustainable element grant (sponsored through Walmart), Bike/walkway 6/1 meeting.
- Leaf blower ordinance report. R. Barrett. Considered under noise ordinance with regard to noise level. No separate ordinance proposed for leaf blowers.
- EC web site - F. Esposito. Concluded that the Environmental page on the twp website does not have proper direction. Should be revised. Suggests reviewing Verona Twp website.

RECENT LETTERS SENT

- May 2009. Thank you letters sent to volunteers at the Electronics Recycling Event on May 2 including DPW Head Joe Barilla and his staff member Greg (P. Collington).
- April 2009. Letter to NJDEP concerning Shunpike Field. Thank you letters sent to all who attended the Riverside Cleanup and wrote their names on the sign-in sheet.

MAIL RECEIVED (not including applications and notices mentioned above)

- Minutes of Long Hill EC and Chatham Borough EC, various newsletters, event announcements, and flyers.

CTEC MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:45 PM.

Carolyn Scannelli, Minutes Secretary